(iv) 10 per cent weightage being given in terms of population of such towns to the special requirements of State/UT covered under DPAP, DDP, HADP and Special Category hilly States.

2. The State Government would have to provide for equal amount of share in the State Plans as the funding for the scheme would be shared between Centre and the States on 50:50 basis. However. There should also be a 5 per cent contribution from the beneficiaries and this will be part of State share.

**Plans for export and Collaboration by CIL**

*12. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the annual quantity and the cost of the coal exported during each of the last three years;

(b) whether Coal India Ltd. has earmarked export as the major thrust area; if so, what concrete steps have government already taken or propose to take to achieve the objectives set for coal exports;

(c) which are the countries with which India has cooperation agreements for mechanisations and upgradation of the coal industry; and

(d) which are the countries with whom India has entered into collaboration for underground mining and offering expertise in open cast mining and what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) As per the information received from Ministry of Commerce, the total quantity of coal exported and its value during each of the last three years was as under:

| Year | Quantity exported (tonnes) | Value (in Rs. lakhs) |
|---|---|---|
| 1991-92 | 1,34,957 | 1504.08 |
| 1992-93 | 1,81,601 | 5001.62 |
| 1993-94 | 5,44,621 | 6018.85 |

(b) Indian coal is only beging exported to neighbouring countries. However, coal India Ltd. (CIL) is taking steps to boost coal exports, which include allowing Indian Export House to export coal directly. Identification of superior grades of coal to boost exports and sending delegations for promoting coal exports is also being undertaken.

(c) and (d) CIL has entered into collaboration agreements with the following countries for mechanisation and upgradation of coal industry.

| Name of country | Type of mining. |
|---|---|
| France | Underground |
| United Kingdom | Underground & opencast |
| Germany | Underground |
| Poland | Underground |
| Erstwhile USSR, CIS (Confederation of Independent States) | Underground & opencast |
| Canada | Opencast |
| Australia | Opencast |

During recent visit of an Indian delegation to China it was agreed that the Indian side would submit proposals for planning and development of opencast mines in China.

**Export of agricultural commodities**

*13. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the value of exports of agricultural commodities (excluding cotton) during the last three years till date with year-wise and month-wise figures;

(b) what is India's share in the global trade in agricultural commodities at present;

(c) whether there has been any decline in the agricultural exports as per centage of India's total exports during the above period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and the reasons therefor and what action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The details of exports of various agricultural commodities since 1991-92 are given below:

(Rs. crores)

| S.No. | Commodity | 1991-92 | 1992-93 | 1993-94 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Rice | 754.93 | 971.03 | 1280.09 |
| 2 | Wheat | 121.47 | 10.18 | 0.27 |
| 3 | Other Cereals. | 6.74 | 10.14 | 122.03 |
| 4 | Tobacco | 377.29 | 483.06 | 460.96 |
| 5 | Spices | 370.40 | 360.02 | 561.21 |
| 6 | Cashew Kernels | 671.51 | 764.05 | 1044.34 |
| 7 | Sesame & Niger Seeds | 101.19 | 116.20 | 75.17 |
| 8 | Groundnut | 7.40 | 7.95 | 157.68 |
| 9 | Oilmeals & Guargum Meals | 1013.94 | 1642.15 | 2451.20 |
| 10 | Shellac | 25.30 | 40.69 | 65.67 |
| 11 | Sugar & Molasses | 157.25 | 353.51 | 176.87 |
| 12 | Fruits, Vegetables, Processed Food, etc. | 785.06 | 867.70 | 1063.74 |
| 13 | Spirit & Beverages | N.A. | 41.65 | 44.94 |
| | TOTAL: | 4392.93 | 5678.83 | 7524.25 |

(Source: DGCI & S, Calcutta)

Major destinations are countries in West Asia, South East Asia, Europe and USA. Details of country-wise exports are contained in the March 1993 and March 1994 issues of the Foreign Trade Statistics of India (Principal Commodities and Countries of DGCI &S, copies of which are available in Parliament Labrary.

(b) India's share of export of agro-based commodities is less than 1 per cent of the world trade.